PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN THE

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. John F. Seibert, Pastor),
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, SEPTEMBER 24-28, 1902.

ALSO THE MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEKAMAH, NEBRASKA,
Rev. J. L. HAMMOND, Pastor, OCTOBER 15-17, 1902.

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CALENDAR, 1902-1903.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. JOHN F. SEIBERT, North Platte, Neb.
Secretary—Rev. A. B. LEAMER, West Point, Neb.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. E. BOLLMAN, Wilber, Neb.
Treasurer—JOSEPH H. MILLER, M. D., Surprise, Neb.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. J. F. SPONSELLER,
Rev. A. B. LEAMER, Rev. M. D. BERG,
Rev. R. A. WHITE.

Examining Committee.

Rev. L. GROH, D. D., Rev. F. A. MATTHIS,
Rev. R. W. PETREA, Rev. J. N. LENTZ,
Rev. W. DIEFFENBACH.

Executive Council.

Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, three years,
Rev. A. B. LEAMER, Mr. JONATHAN REITZ, two years.
Mr. H. A. GARMAN, one year,

Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. S. M. LESHER. Rev. J. L. HAMMOND,
Rev. E. BOLLMAN.

Educational Committee.

Rev. J. A. KOSER, Rev. J. F. CRESSLER,
Rev. J. S. LEAMER, Dr. J. H. MILLER,
Rev. C. J. RINGER.

Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Rev. JOHN F. SEIBERT, Rev. L. P. LUDDEN, two years,
Mr. W. W. SWAIN, one year, Mr. J. F. WILHELMY, two years,
Rev. E. F. TREFZ, one year, Rev. L. GROH, D. D., three years,
Mr. R. WEIDENSALL, one year, Rev. L. M. KUHNS, three years.
Mr. F. W. PETRING, three years.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Home Missions.	
Rev. L. M. KUHNS,	Rev. L. GROH, D. D.
Foreign Missions.	
Rev. J. N. LENTZ,	Rev. F. A. MATTHIS.
Church Extension.	
Rev. C. J. RINGER,	Rev. M. F. RINKER.
Education.	
Rev. R. W. PETREA,	Rev. J. S. LEAMER.
Preparatory Service.	
Rev. J. F. SPONSELLER,	Rev. W. DIEFFENBACH.
Communion.	
Rev. J. F. CRESSLER,	Rev. L. P. LUDDEN.
Ordination.	
Rev. J. A. CLUTZ, D. D.,	Rev. J. A. KOSER.
Young People.	
Rev. A. B. LEAMER,	Rev. H. A. WOLFE.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—September 23, 1903.
Place—Benedict, Neb.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in the First Lutheran Church, North Platte, Neb., September 24th to 28th, 1902, Rev. John F. Seibert, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The opening sermon was delivered by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, President of Synod. Texts: 1 Cor. ii. 4; 1 Thes. i. 5. Theme: "Ministry of the Holy Spirit."

Synod was formally opened.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Devotional services were led by Rev. S. M. Lesher.

At 9 A. M. the Synod was opened with a hymn and prayer.

Calling roll and reception of lay delegates.

On motion, Revs. M. L. Kunkelman and Paul Bieger were enrolled as members of the Synod.

Synodical Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegate.
W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
J. G. Groenmiller, *a. e.*	1858	Rockport, Mo.	
J. F. Kuhlman, *a.*	1858	Martinsburg, Neb.	
B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, Neb.	C. D. Shultz, *a. e.*
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
M. L. Kunkelman, *a. e.*	1866	Nebraska City, Neb.	
J. L. Hammond	1870	Tekamah, Neb.	G. A. Crannel, *a. e.*
F. A. Matthis, *a. e.*	1871	Davenport, Neb.	
J. A. Clutz, D. D., *a. e.*	1872	Atchison, Kan.	
J. F. Cressler	1872	Rising City, Neb.	
D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
I. N. Augustine	1874	Grand Island, Neb.	
J. F. Sponseller	1874	South Sioux City, Neb	
J. W. Kimmel, *a. e.*	1875	Lincoln, Neb.	
J. A. Koser	1875	Nebraska City, Neb.	F. W. Petring, *a. e.*
R. W. Petrea	1876	Pawnee City, Neb.	
L. P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	R. A. Peters, Sc. D. *a. e.*
A. T. Ludwig, *a.*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	H. Knollenberg, *a. e.*
W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
L. M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha, Neb.	Wm. Wilke, *a. e.*
H. J. Hapeman, *a. e.*	1886	Dakota City, Neb.	
M. F. Rinker	1886	Yutan, Neb.	J. Bender.
R. A. White	1886	Lincoln, Neb.	
E. Bollman	1889	Wilber, Neb.	A. Jacobec, *a. e.*
S. R. Elson, *a.*	1889	Omaha, Neb.	
J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte, Neb.	Claude O. Weingand.
J. N. Lentz	1892	Atchison, Kan.	
W. C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1892	Nickerson, Neb.	
W. W. Hess, *a. e.*	1893	Beatrice, Neb.	
J. S. Leamer	1894	Sidney, Neb.	
S. M. Lesher	1894	Dakota City, Neb.	Bernard Boals.
C. J. Ringer	1894	Wayne, Neb.	Silas Melick.
P. G. Tonsing, *a. e.*	1894	Atchison, Kan.	
E. F. Trefz, *a. e.*	1895	Omaha, Neb.	
H. A. Wolfe	1895	McCool Junction, Neb	
M. D. Berg	1896	Benedict, Neb.	D. McClure.
A. B. Leamer	1897	West Point, Neb.	
C. N. Swihart, *e.*	1902	Peabody, Kan.	
Charles F. Shultz, *e.*	1902	Stella, Neb.	W. H. Hogrefe.
Paul Bieger, *a.*	....	Hastings, Neb.	
.....	....	Hardy, Neb.	
.....	....	Ericson, Neb.	
.....	....	Pawnee Co., Zion's.	
.....	....	Ponca, Neb.	

a. Absent. *e.* Ordained. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

"May God, who seeth all things, and who is the ruler of all spirits and the Lord of all flesh, who chose our Lord Jesus Christ, and us through Him to be a peculiar people, grant to every soul that calleth upon His glorious name faith, fear, peace, patience, long-suffering, self-control, purity, and sobriety, to the well-pleasing of His name, through our High-priest and Protector, Jesus Christ, by whom be to Him glory, and majesty, and power, and honor, both now and evermore. Amen."

Assembled in this Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, we gather for counsel concerning the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; to receive inspiration for new energy for our Master's work; guided by divine wisdom to devise liberal things for the Church in which the Holy Spirit hath made you bishops to feed the Church He purchased with His own blood; to lay hold with a spirit of earnestness of opportunities we enjoy as trusts for which we must render an account, and to recount the mercies of God for which to-day we have abundant reasons for gratitude.

According to Constitutional requirement, I now submit a summary of my official work:

I. RESIGNATIONS.

November 16th, 1901, Rev. P. G. Tonsing informed me he would resign February 1st, 1902, at Hardy.

March 9th, 1902, Rev. J. F. Sponseller resigned at Ponca.

June 1st, 1902, Rev. M. F. Rinker resigned at Roca.

August 21st, 1902, Rev. I. N. Augustine informed me he had not formally resigned at Ericson, but that his work closed there January 1st, 1902.

August 31st, 1902, Rev. R. W. Petrea resigned at Pawnee City.

September 23d, 1902, Rev. W. W. Hess notified me he had resigned at Beatrice.

II. ADDITIONS.

August 21st, 1902, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman from the North Illinois Synod.

September 17th, 1902, Rev. P. Bieger from the Wartburg Synod.

III. PASTORAL CHANGES.

April 3d, 1902, Rev. J. F. Sponseller took charge of the new mission at South Sioux City.

April 27th, 1902, Rev. I. N. Augustine accepted a call to Grand Island.

June 3d, 1902, Rev. R. A. White informed me he had taken charge at Roca, in connection with his work at Waverly, as Yutan required all the time of Rev. M. F. Rinker. This arrangement was approved by all the parties concerned.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

June 5th, 1902, Rev. J. A. Koser informed me that, according to the appointment of the President of Synod, he and Revs. L. P. Ludden and R. W. Petrea had installed Rev. F. A. Matthis at Davenport. The charge to the people was delivered by Rev. L. P. Ludden, and that to the pastor by Rev. R. W. Petrea.

V. ORDINATION.

June 23d, 1902, Licentiate Rev. C. N. Swihart was given permission to accept a call to Peabody, Kan., with the understanding that he should return for ordination to the Nebraska Synod, August 18th, 1902. Rev. C. N. Swihart made application for ordination.

September 3d, 1902, Mr. Charles F. Shultz applied for ordination. He is serving the congregation at Stella.

VI. DEDICATIONS.

January 31st, 1902, Rev. L. P. Ludden re-dedicated the church at Homer, Rev. S. M. Lesher, pastor. The church had been newly plastered, and a new steel ceiling had been put in place. The improvements amounted to $250.00.

April 6th, 1902, the new Lutheran Church, McCool Junction, Rev. H. A. Wolfe, pastor, was dedicated. The building is a modern structure, worth $3600.00. The main room is 32 x 44 feet, and will seat nearly 200 people, with a choir platform that will accommodate fifteen or eighteen persons. There is an annex, 16 x 32 feet, that will seat 100 people, and also a chancel, 6 x 14 feet. The vestibule is eight feet square, with doors opening into both the main auditorium and lecture room.

The church is furnished with very handsome and comfortable pews in the main auditorium, and chairs in the lecture room. The pews are curved and arranged in a semi-circle, so that all the auditors face the pulpit.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. Luther P. Ludden, of Lincoln, assisted by Rev. F. A. Matthis, of Davenport, and Rev. M. D. Berg, of Benedict, also Rev. D. Fetz, Methodist Episcopal pastor at McCool Junction.

July 27th, 1902, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, President of Synod, re-opened St. Mark's Church, Omaha, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., pastor. The poor spots in the plastering had been repaired, all the walls and ceilings papered, the whole woodwork painted, all the seats newly cushioned, a new carpet put in, and some repairs made on the outside. The whole cost was $300.00, which is paid.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

October 24th, 1901, upon request of the officials of the congregation, I recommended Rev. L. P. Ludden, President of the South Platte Conference, to convene a special session of that body at Roca.

January 28th, 1902, Rev. W. W. Hess reported to me the payment of the debt of $2000.00 at Beatrice, and the burning of the mortgage on January 12th. Repairs have also been made to the amount of $160.00.

April 25th, 1902, Rev. J. F. Seibert informed me he had established a preaching station at Paxton. July 15th, 1902, he organized a congregation at this point with twenty-seven charter members.

August 21st, 1902, Rev. M. F. Rinker informed me the church at Yutan had been papered, decorated, and painted at a cost of $275.00.

August 22d, 1902, Rev. M. D. Berg informed me the Bethel Church, of the Benedict charge, had bought an eighty-dollar bell, and that Zion's Church, in town, had been painted and papered.

August 22d, 1902, Rev. W. Dieffenbach informed me that during one of the severe storms of the spring, part of the front of the church at South Auburn was blown in. It has been repaired, painted, and made better than before. The parsonage has been re-painted and repaired.

August 25th, 1902, Rev. J. A. Koser informed me an old debt of $250.00 upon the church at Nebraska City had been paid, and improvements had been made to the extent of $350.00.

August 25th, 1902, Rev. J. F. Seibert informed me the interior of the church at North Platte had been renovated at a cost of $475.00, the improvements consisting of papering, carpets, electric lighting, painting altar, and other furnishings.

August 26th, 1902, Rev. C. J. Ringer informed me improvements had been made on the church property at Wayne to the extent of $349.60.

August 29th, 1902, Rev. S. M. Lesher informed me the parsonage of the Dakota County charge was being improved at a cost of $700.00.

VIII. VACANCIES.

The following vacancies exist within our Synodical bounds: Beatrice, Ericson, Hardy, Ponca, Pawnee City, and Pawnee County, Zion's.

IX. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. On June 12th, 1902, the Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, after twenty years of service, died at his home, Des Moines, Iowa. We recommend Synod to arrange for an appropriate memorial service to be held during this convention.

2. Death has removed no watchman in Zion from our bounds during this Synodical year. But the black camel has knelt at the door of the home of three of our pastors, and carried away the wife of Rev. J. F. Sponseller, the son of Rev. R. A. White, and the wife of W. F. Eyster, D. D. We recommend an Obituary Committee be appointed.

3. We recommend Synod elect the requisite number of delegates to the General Synod. Also a clerical and lay trustee of Midland College.

Having served the Constitutional limit of three successive terms, I desire to express my gratitude for the confidence of the brethren in placing me in this very responsible position of authority and trust; and, with heartfelt thanks for your kind co-operation, I now return to you this office to be entrusted to another.

"And the God of all grace, who called you unto His eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall Himself perfect, establish, strengthen you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
President.

The report was referred to the Committee on President's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

To the President and Members of the Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

DEAR BRETHREN: I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as your Treasurer for the year ending September 18th, 1902:

RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand September 1st, 1902		$123 23
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$448 40	
Children's	87 79	
Cleveland Mission	31 50	
Cañon City Mission	3 00	
		570 69
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$303 47	
Children's	31 56	
Student in India	42 50	
		377 53
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$283 29	
Children's	36 82	
		320 11
Educational—		
Received for Ministerial Education	$295 56	
Received for Board of Education	186 64	
Received for Midland College Library Fund	21 72	
Received for Midland College Oak Hall Fund	160 00	
		654 02
Received for Tressler Orphans' Home		101 47
Received for Pastors' Fund		79 29
Received for General Synod Treasury		50 96
Received for Synodical Treasury (Nebraska Synod)		112 84
Received for Deaconess Board		80 38
Received for National Lutheran Home		54 25
Total		$2534 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Mission Board	$577 69
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board	377 53
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension Board	325 11
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education	174 59
Paid Treasurer of Orphans' Home	101 47
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund	79 29
Paid Treasurer of General Synod	50 96

Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		$80 38
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		54 25
Paid President of Midland College		181 27
Paid on Beneficiary Account—		
Clarence N. Swihart	$125 00	
William Kahse	125 00	
Oscar Woods	110 00	
		360 00
Paid out of Synodical Treasurer Fund—		
Rev. R. A. White, Synodical expenses	$4 15	
Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Synodical expenses	10 00	
George E. Ring, Printing	7 75	
Stamps	5 68	
Lutheran Publication House	85 26	
		112 84
Total amount paid out		$2475 38
Balance on hand in the Beneficiary Fund	$46 79	
Balance on hand for the Board of Education	12 15	
Balance on hand for Midland College Loan Fund	45	
		$59 39

And while it is gratifying to note an increase in the total receipts, we still owe the Publication House $56.89.

The 159 receipt stubs agree with the cash account, less balance on hand at the beginning of the year, and show all money received during the Synodical year was $2409.46, which is $12.91 more than the preceding year.

The 55 numbered vouchers with receipts attached show how much and to whom the money was paid.

The Treasurer's tabulated exhibit shows that 3 congregations have met their apportionment, 10 have exceeded their apportionment, and the others show a deficiency. It is to be regretted that some congregations show such a large deficit.

I desire to express my thanks for courtesies extended to me during the two years of my office as Treasurer of this honorable body, and my heart's desire and prayer is that God's blessing may ever be upon you and our beloved Lutheran Church.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEY RECEIVED FROM SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1902, TO SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1902.

Tekamah Grace Church	$28 61
Tekamah Emanuel Church	8 66
Omaha Kountze Memorial	164 00
Roca	22 10
Rev. J. H. Link	3 00
Total	$226 37

Respectfully submitted, W. H. HOGREFE,
Treasurer Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Exhibit for the

	Home Missions.				Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.	
	Regular.	Children's.	Cleveland Mission.	Cañon City Mission.	Regular.	Children's.	Student in India.	Regular.	Children's.
Auburn	$9 46				$2 00			$7 34	
Benedict, Zion	35 66				28 40			26 40	
Benedict, Bethel	13 92				12 19			9 80	
Beatrice	31 08			$3 00	22 20			22 20	
Dakota City, Emanuel	4 47	$11 89			7 60	$2 50	$10 00	5 85	$6 75
Dakota City, Salem	23 52	2 52			16 23	2 56		17 50	1 10
Dakota City, St. Paul's	5 04				3 60			3 60	
Davenport, Christ's	7 25	5 00	$2 50		3 25				
Davenport, St. Paul's	3 50								
Grand Island									
Hastings	10 00				5 00			6 53	
Hardy	7 07				3 75			5 50	
Lincoln, Grace	19 00				11 00			15 00	
McCool Junction	5 00								
Nebraska City	25 76				18 40			18 40	
North Platte	25 95	12 05			26 40			2 93	24 07
Omaha, Grace	15 60				9 07			11 34	
Omaha, Kountze Memorial		13 10			8 00				
Omaha, St. Mark's	20 00		20 00		14 00		20 00		
Ponca	20 41	17 90						10 07	
Pawnee City	12 96				10 37			10 21	
Roca								4 00	
Rising City	12 88				9 20			9 20	
Stella	21 00				12 90			16 31	
Steinauer	1 60								
Sidney	7 28				5 20			5 20	
Surprise	12 32				8 85			8 85	
Tekamah, Grace	7 44				8 75		12 50	4 00	
Tekamah, Emanuel	10 64				7 60			7 60	
Wayne	22 50				2 35			2 00	
West Point	34 99	13 45	5 00		29 65	4 95		34 60	
Waverly	4 44	7 00	4 00		3 50	6 10		2 70	4 90
Wilber	8 95	2 14			7 92			1 00	
Yutan		8 81				15 45		14 16	
Aughey, Rev. S., D. D.									
Eyster, Rev. W. F., D. D.									
Eckhart, Rev. W. C									
Clutz, Rev. J. A., D. D.	1 00				1 00			1 00	
Kuhlman, Rev. J. F.									
Offerings at Synod	7 71				5 01				
Totals	$448 40	$87 79	$31 50	$3 00	$303 49	$31 56	$42 50	$283 29	$36 [illegible]

Synodical Year.

Ministerial Education.	Board of Education.	Midland College Library Fund.	Midland College, Addition to Ladies' Hall.	Orphans' Home.	Pastors' Fund.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Total.	Apportionment.	Deficiency.	Excess.
	$14 76	$4 00		$3 00		$1 00	$1 00			$23 80	$78 08	$54 28	
	7 48	2 50		4 42	$8 61	3 69	7 38	$8 61	$6 15	174 48	162 84		$7 22
	7 19	1 25		3 00	2 73	1 17	2 34	2 73	1 95	69 61	49 92		16 69
	5 76	1 28		10 09	3 37	3 33	6 66	7 77	5 55	145 89	142 08	6 28	
	11 16	2 06			3 36	1 44	3 25	3 36	2 40	79 44	61 44		14 64
	2 16				6 51	2 79	5 58	6 51	4 65	121 29	119 04		2 25
				1 26	1 26	1 08	54	90		23 04	23 04		
				2 75			3 00			37 15	136 90		
				2 75						6 25	24 32		
			$15 00							36 53	76 80		
										16 32	121 60		
										61 00	138 72		
					3 00	3 00	5 00			42 09	88 42		
	8 28			8 80		2 07	4 14			117 76	117 76		
	11 04				6 44	2 76	5 52	6 44	4 60	271 30	168 96		2 34
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	3 52			5 00	3 22	1 38	2 76	3 22	2 30	97 54	140 80		
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	3 12			2 50	1 82	78	1 56	1 82	1 30	56 50	56 32		18
	5 28				3 08	1 32	2 64	3 08	2 20	41 76	60 16		
	2 62			6 45						38 86	48 04		
	4 56			6 20		1 14	1 12			43 65	88 42		
$ 00	3 00			4 80		1 00	3 00			249 53	221 44		5 28
34 60	24 66		10 00	8 91	12 12	5 19	10 38	12 39	8 65	69 59	61 44		8 15
21 49	10 33				3 36	1 44	4 57	5 36	2 40	28 82	57 60		
4 29	77				1 25	1 00	1 50			57 91	24 32		28 74
3 80	5 25			4 85	1 33	84	1 14	1 33	95	3 00			
							3 00			4 00			
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							2 00			10 00			
2 00	2 00					1 00	2 00			5 00			
1 00	1 00					1 00	2 00			17 39			
4 67													
$ 38	$186 74	$21 72	$160 00	101 47	$79 29	$50 96	$112 84	$80 38	$54 25	$2409 46			

Hours of Sessions.

The hours of meeting were fixed as follows: 9 A. M. to 11.30 A. M.; 2 P. M. to 5 P. M.

Election of Officers.

President—John F. Seibert, North Platte.
Secretary—A. B. Leamer, West Point.
Statistical Secretary—E. Bollman, Wilber.
Treasurer—Joseph H. Miller, M. D., Surprise.

Report of Delegate to German Synod of Nebraska.

Your delegate would respectfully report that he attended the meeting of the German Synod of Nebraska at Greenleaf, Kan. They met September 10th. They had 75 persons officially present. Your delegate had a very fraternal reception. The Synod is active and growing rapidly.

Respectfully submitted, L. GROH.

Report adopted.

A letter of greeting from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska was read by Rev. L. P. Ludden.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

List of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. J. F. Cressler, Rev. J. N. Lentz, Mr. C. O. Weingand.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. E. Bollman, Mr. Bernard Boals, Mr. Jonas Bender.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. M. F. Rinker, Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. C. N. Swihart.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. S. M. Lesher, Rev. I. N. Augustine.

5. *State of Religion*—Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. J. N. Lentz, Dr. A. T. Peters.

6. *Obituary Committee*—Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. I. N. Augustine, Rev. R. W. Petrea.

7. *Excuses*—Rev. J. F. Sponseller, Rev. M. F. Rinker, Mr. B. Boals.

8. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. R. A. White, Mr. J. Bender.

9. *Resolutions*—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. R. A. White.

10. *Apportionment*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, Rev. W. Dieffenbach.

11. *Vacancies*—Rev. R. W. Petrea, Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. J. F. Sponseller.

12. *Calendar*—Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. M. D. Berg.

13. *Letters and Papers*—Revs. S. M. Lesher, Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. M. D. Berg.

14. *Committee on Minutes for Next Year*—Rev. M. F. Rinker, Rev. F. A. Matthis, Rev. C. J. Ringer.

15. *Sunday Services*—Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. A. B. Leamer.

The Report of the Committee to Confer with a Committee of the German Synod of Nebraska was adopted. (For report, see Protocol.)

(For papers in regard to the Yutan Church, see Protocol.)

Report of Executive Council.

Your Executive Council held one meeting during the year. No business of importance engaged their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

Amendment to the Constitution Adopted.

Article XIV., Section 3, of the Constitution was made to read as follows: "An Advisory Board of Home Missions, consisting of five members, which shall include the President and Secretary of Synod."

Reporters Appointed by the President.

Lutheran Observer and Lutheran World—Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Local Papers—Rev. R. A. White.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a suitable book in which to place the protocol.

Report of Committee on South Sioux City.

Your Special Committee appointed upon the work at South Sioux City canvassed the field, according to the instructions of Synod, and found the conditions favorable to the work. The work was begun. We recommend that the Advisory Board of Home Missions petition the Board of Home Missions for a continuance of the appropriation now made.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
LUTHER M. KUHNS,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report adopted.

On motion, the retiring Secretary was allowed $10.00 for his work.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Addresses on Home Missions were delivered by Rev. J. A. Koser and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

Offering, $3.00.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service.
Synod opened with prayer.
Reading and approval of minutes.

Advisory Members.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension and Acting Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Rev. F. Schwarz, Traveling Secretary of the German Synod of Nebraska.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Presbyterian Church—Morning, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns; evening, Rev. R. W. Petrea.

Baptist Church—Morning, Rev. J. L. Hammond.

Methodist Church—Morning, Rev. H. A. Wolfe; evening, Rev. S. M. Lesher.

Episcopal Church—Morning, Rev. A. B. Leamer; evening, Rev. L. M. Kuhns.

Christian Church—Morning, Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Young Men's Christian Association—Evening, Rev. L. P. Ludden.

Sunday School—Afternoon, Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. J. F. Sponseller, Rev. R. A. White.

Luther League—Evening, Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. M. D. Berg.

Report of Trustee of Midland College.

Your Clerical Trustee of Midland College would report that he was at the Board meeting in June, which was in session the greater part of two days, during which time great interest in the welfare of Midland College was manifested.

There were a few of the members of the Board necessarily absent, but those present tried to discharge with fidelity the duties incumbent on them, some of which were not only of interest, but of most vital importance.

During the year, the Chair of English Language and Literature and History was made vacant by the death of Professor Granville H. Meixell, which, according to the Constitution of the College, had to be filled at this meeting. There were quite a large number of names of candidates for the position submitted to the Board, some of whom are men of noted ability. After very careful and prayerful consideration, Professor Robert J. Peters, a son of the sainted and noted Professor Peters, of Heidelberg University, was, on first ballot, elected to the Chair.

We are gratified to learn that the entire teaching force at Midland has the respect and confidence of the pupils and are doing noble work. A very noteworthy feature, which has made commendable progress, is the musical department, which now ranks high. Three received teacher's certificates from this department this year.

The courses of study at Midland, both classical and scientific, are equal to those of other first-class institutions of our land. With such a course faithfully pursued by our students and with the ability of our present professors, the fruits of Midland College are not only an honor to the institution, but to the Lutheran Church and our noble West.

The great aim of the Board and Faculty of Midland is to develop the whole man, hence there comes from our college men of physical, intellectual, and moral culture; men that are calculated to go into the world, and be a comfort to themselves and a vast benefit to humanity. It is in this kind of an institution that all our boys and girls ought to receive their education. Our college, in almost every particular, is in a healthy, thrifty condition.

Great care is exercised, not only over the students, but also over the buildings of the institution.

The last year has been the most successful one in the history of the college. There have been more students and more books given to the library than in any previous year, which indicates an emanating influence. While the excellent management of Dr. Clutz assures success, yet the increase of students, of gifts to the library, and of funds is largely due to the faithful work of our College Solicitor, Rev. J. N. Lentz.

There are four things needed at Midland College, which, as your Trustee, I would emphasize: More students, more books for the library, more teachers, more Endowment Fund. But to accomplish this, there must be a zeal and earnest co-operation among the ministers and laity of our territory.

It is the sense of the Board of Midland College that a special day shall be designated as Midland College Day, and, therefore, the following recommendation was adopted by the Board and is hereby submitted for the action of this Synod:

"We recommend that the Day of Prayer for Colleges be observed as Mid-

land College Day, and that special efforts be made for endowment; such offerings to be applied to the several Synodical professorships, and such offerings to take the place of that formerly taken for the Library Fund."

It would be most helpful to bring to the notice of our people the exemplification of a few of our Lutheran brethren who provided and during last year gave their libraries, and another who gave, as a memorial to his son, the sum of $5000.00 for endowment.

May God continue to bless and strengthen our beloved Midland, and use it as an educational institution for His own glory.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. SPONSELLER.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. N. Lentz, College Solicitor, was accorded the floor of Synod in the interest of Midland College.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, addressed Synod on his department of the work of the Church.

Rev. F. Schwarz, Traveling Secretary of the German Synod of Nebraska, extended the greetings of that body.

Resolution Concerning Grand Island.

Resolved, That Synod request the Board of Church Extension to make a suitable appropriation to the church at Grand Island for the preservation of this valuable property for the Western work.

Resolution adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee.

We, your Committee on Obituary, would respectfully submit the following:

God, who is kind in all His intercourse with His creatures, has been very good to us indeed, as a Synod, during the Synodical year which has just come to a close. Our ministerial ranks have not been broken by the ravages of the monster, death, for which we have much reason to render thanks to our dear heavenly Parent.

But while the clerical members of our Synod have been thus graciously spared, in a few instances families of our brethren have been invaded by the messenger of death, and dear ones taken from their fond embrace.

On the 25th of September, just at the close of our last session of Synod, Mrs. Sponseller, wife of our beloved brother, J. F. Sponseller, of South Sioux

City, after a lingering condition of months, was called to her final and eternal reward.

On July 29th, Father W. F. Eyster, D. D., of Crete, was bereft of his beloved companion, who had stood by his side and seconded him in the work of the Master for a period of fifty years.

On the 9th of March, William White, son of our beloved brother, R. A. White, departed this life at Grand Junction, Col., whither he had gone to regain his health.

These brethren and their families deserve the sympathy and prayers of this Synod.

May the God of all comfort bless them and the Holy Spirit sustain them is the prayer of your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
ISAAC N. AUGUSTINE,
R. W. PETREA.

Adopted, with prayer.

On motion, eight cents per member were apportioned for Synodical Treasury for the coming year.

On motion, an apportionment of twenty cents per member was made for Ministerial Education.

Adjourned, with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Reading of minutes.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Advisory Board of Home Missions submit the following report:

Beatrice.—The Rev. W. W. Hess is pastor of this mission. The mortgage indebtedness of $2000.00 has been paid. The mission has had a prosperous year. The future is encouraging. This mission will be vacant.

Ericson.—This mission is vacant. The correspondence is in the hands of the Committee on Vacancies.

Lincoln, Grace.—The Rev. L. P. Ludden is pastor. During the year Grace Church has pushed forward her work with commendable zeal. The church is growing in numbers, but the losses have been very heavy, some of the best

families having left the city. To meet the demands of the city they have had to spend something over $300.00 in new walks and grading. It made a splendid improvement to the property.

Omaha, St. Mark's.—The Rev. L. Groh, D. D., is pastor. This mission became self-sustaining on November 1st, 1901. We congratulate the mission on assuming self-support.

Omaha, Grace.—The Rev. Luther M. Kuhns is pastor. The improvements made to the church in enlarging the building and adding a study, and the placing in the church of a fine two-manual Moller pipe organ, involving an expenditure of over $3000.00, have all been paid during the present year. The future has signs of promise.

Pawnee City.—The Rev. R. W. Petrea, so long the faithful pastor of this mission, has resigned. This mission is vacant. The congregation have recalled Brother Petrea as pastor.

Sidney.—The Rev. J. S. Leamer is the pastor. In connection with the work at Sidney a preaching station is maintained at Bronson. The church in Sidney has been fitted with a new furnace. The re-opening of the Round House at Sidney promises to be helpful to our work. The pastor continues to hold services at Potter.

South Sioux City.—The Rev. J. F. Sponseller is pastor. In April he entered the field. The church building has been thoroughly renovated. An organization will be effected soon.

Wayne.—The Rev. C. J. Ringer is pastor. The work is moving steadily forward. There has been some spiritual growth, as well as some material prosperity. The outlook is most encouraging.

Wilber.—The Rev. E. Bollman is pastor. Here we have a good church property in a growing town. The membership is small. A Luther League has been organized. Some of the debts have been paid, but there is an indebtedness on the church and parsonage of about $500.00.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Synod concurring, your Advisory Board, upon examining the reports of the missionaries in their possession, respectfully recommend to the Board of Home Missions that, for healthy growth in our mission churches, the appropriation to pastors' salary should not be reduced too rapidly, and that our delegation to the General Synod bring this to the attention of the Board of Home Missions.

2. Wherever, without endangering an established mission, it may be possible to start a preaching station with favorable prospects of growth into a congregation, we advise such work be inaugurated by the pastor, and invite the congregations to encourage this work with a view to constituting self-sustaining charges, that our Lutheran borders may be extended in Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

Dr. Yarger was given the opportunity to present the interests of the Board of Home Missions.

A Resolution with Regard to Home Mission Work.

Resolved, That Synod commends the action of the Board of Home Missions in placing their work in the West temporarily in the hands of the Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Board of Home Missions to consider the feasibility of dividing the field into at least three districts, with a secretary for each district.

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be instructed to send a copy of this action to the Board.

Resolutions adopted.

On motion, the Apportionment Committee was instructed to open a column for Synodical mission work, and that five cents per member be apportioned for that work, and that the money be placed at the disposal of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee would report as follows: The report of the retiring President is a carefully prepared exhibit of his official acts. It shows a diligent and faithful oversight of our congregations. For his shepherd care he deserves the highest praise. In the report there is nothing demanding any action of Synod apart from the Recommendations 1, 3, and 4.

We recommend that Synod, at a proper time, take up these recommendations and take such action as their importance demands.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. CRESSLER,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report adopted.

By order of Synod the President appointed Rev. J. F. Seibert and Rev. A. B. Leamer as Committee on Memorial Service to Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence reports as follows: As hitherto the committee prepared and distributed to the various pastorates a Synodical Beneficence envelope at an expense of $14.00. It is gratifying to note the growing appreciation of our pastors and people of the need of systematic

effort in the matter of our beneficence. A larger number of pastors used the envelopes this year than ever before; a gratifying increase has been made in the percentage of apportionment raised, about 83 per cent. having been raised as against 69 per cent. last year and 60 per cent. two years ago, before the Synodical envelope had been used.

Quite a number of our congregations have raised and exceeded the amounts of their apportionment. And while we regret that the number is not larger, yet it is gratifying to note a growing tendency on the part of our pastors and people to make up the full apportionment; there seems to have been a fair effort, at least, made all along the line.

We would call attention to deficits in the Synodical Treasury, the Board of Education, and General Synod Treasury funds, and would urge the necessity of meeting the full apportionment for these objects. The General Synod Fund deficit should be made up at once, so that we do not have such a deficit at the time of meeting of General Synod.

The committee recommends a continuance of systematic effort on the part of pastors, and that a supply of envelopes be provided for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
M. D. BERG,
C. J. RINGER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses report that letters have been received from the following brethren, asking to be excused from attending the meetings of Synod:

Revs. E. F. Trefz, W. G. Gettle, F. A. Matthis, J. W. Kimmel, J. G. Groenmiller, W. W. Hess, J. A. Clutz, D. D., H. J. Hapeman, D. Z. Foulk, Samuel Aughey, D. D., LL. D., W. F. Eyster, D. D., J. H. Link, Paul G. Tonsing, M. L. Kunkelman, W. C. Eckhart. Laymen: William Wilke, Silas Melick, George A. Crannel, Dr. A. T. Peters, F. W. Petring, H. Knollenberg.

We recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPONSELLER,
B. M. BOALS,
M. F. RINKER.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Statistical Secretary was instructed to send Parochial Report blanks to those ministers who are not active pastors, with the request to fill them out and return.

The names of all preachers, whether active or not, were ordered placed on the list in Parochial Report.

On motion, the Executive Council was instructed to collate all amendments and present them with the Constitution with recommendations for any further needed changes, for the approval of Synod.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

An address on Church Extension was delivered by Rev. A. B. Leamer.

Offering, $3.45.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Committee to Consider the Communication from the German Synod of Nebraska: Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. J. F. Cressler.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report that the following was presented to them: A letter from Rev. M. J. Kline, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, stating a resolution of his Board, asking Synod to appoint one of its members as a Special Representative of the Foreign Board on its territory to co-operate with the Board in creating and developing interest in our common work. We recommend the appointment of such Special Representative.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
J. L. HAMMOND,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report the following: Our beneficiary brethren have given entire satisfaction during the year, and have received the full amount of their appropriations. Clarence N. Swihart graduated from the seminary last year, and needs no further support. We recommend the following brethren for our support this year: William T. Kahse, $125.00; Oscar Woods, $100.00; Frederick White, $100.00; Orlando Briggs, $100.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPONSELLER,
A. B. LEAMER,
J. A. KOSER,
W. H. HOGREFE.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN,
B. M. BOALS,
J. BENDER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

There is nothing that we, as pastors, should cultivate so diligently in our congregations as their spirituality. There seems to be a lack along this line. Prayer meetings are held in nearly every church, but a neglect on the part of the congregation is a general complaint.

All congregations observe the celebration of the Lord's Supper very faithfully. Some pastors speak of the general interest, while some complain of carelessness.

The baptism of children is carefully looked after by all the pastors, and the people are all careful to have the children baptized.

The Sunday schools seem to be more favored than any other part of the church work. This is encouraging, as this is the hope of the Church.

Missionary activity is at a rather low ebb in many congregations. We need a revival along this line.

The beneficence of the Church is on the increase, but not what it ought to be. Many of the largest congregations fail to raise the apportionment, which is a discouraging condition of things.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. LEAMER,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your committee, in carefully examining the proceedings of North Platte Conference, finds activity in the work, and your committee would call the attention of Synod to two resolutions of this conference—Resolutions 1 and 2 of the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. RINKER,
H. A. WOLFE,
C. N. SWIHART.

Report adopted.

The following were elected Delegates to the General Synod:

Delegates to the General Synod.

CLERICAL.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
A. B. Leamer,	M. D. Berg,
J. N. Lentz,	J. A. Koser,
S. M. Lesher,	L. P. Ludden,
J. F. Cressler,	E. Bollman,
C. J. Ringer.	J. F. Sponseller.

LAY.

J. J. Stein,	C. D. Essec,
Frederick McClay,	Frederick Culbertson,
J. Bender,	H. C. Freadrich,
W. H. Hogrefe,	Lucian Garman,
C. O. Weingand.	Bernard Boals.

Tellers appointed were: H. A. Wolfe, C. O. Weingand, E. Bollman.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of vacant charges, have most carefully considered the several congregations and their needs.

Beatrice. This charge, in a few days, will be without a pastor. The work is in good condition. The committee recommend that an earnest effort be made to place a pastor here at an early date.

Ponca has been without a pastor for seven months. They need and ought to have a pastor. The committee recommend that the President of Synod specially urge this people to call someone very soon.

Hardy has been vacant for a short time. This is a good field. They have

been corresponding with a view of securing, at an early date, a pastor. The committee recommend a continuance of the effort.

Pawnee—Zion and Steinauer. These two places in Pawnee County are without pastors. The first named has been supplied during the summer by one of our Midland students. The second has been supplied quite regularly by Rev. Petrea. The outlook is not encouraging. The only thing possible seems to be ready to promptly meet the needs as they present themselves.

Ericson. This is a great field with a considerable Lutheran material. The difficulty is to secure a pastor willing to undertake the work. There is a rich reward for someone willing to make the sacrifice. Immediate steps ought to be taken to place someone willing to work on this field.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PETREA,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
J. F. SPONSELLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the fraternal hospitality of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Platte. Our sojourn here has been very pleasant, nor will we easily forget the meeting of Synod at North Platte, where everything possible was done for our comfort. We request these expressions of appreciation be conveyed to the pastor, the congregation, the choir, and the friends of the church. The Secretary of Synod is requested to convey this to the congregation.

Resolved, That the Secretary be authorized to have six hundred copies of the Minutes printed for the use of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod, if desired, have their Minutes printed with the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That we make grateful acknowledgment of the emphatic declaration of the General Synod upon the perplexing subject of divorce, and endorse the same.

Resolved, That the President be instructed to write such brethren, who for some years have ignored Synod in failing to present an apology or excuse for their continued absence, that should they not comply with the regulations of Synod another year, their names be dropped from the Synodical roll, and such action will be published in our Church papers.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. KUHNS,
J. A. KOSER,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

The Committee appointed by the President to arrange for a Memorial Service to Dr. Barnitz appointed as the hour 3 P. M., Sunday; as speakers, Rev. R. W. Petrea, Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

On motion, the time of next meeting was placed on the last Wednesday of September, 1903; the place to be decided upon by the officers of Synod.

The President appointed Rev. L. P. Ludden as Special Representative of the Board of Foreign Missions on the Nebraska territory.

The President appointed as Representatives to the National Federation of Churches: Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. R. A. White, Rev. E. Bollman.

The Apportionment Committee reported. (See pages 30 and 31.)

Trustees for Midland College.

Clerical—Rev. J. F. Sponseller.

Lay—Mr. W. H. Hogrefe.

Fraternal Delegate to German Synod of Nebraska.

Principal—Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

Alternate—Rev. J. A. Koser.

On motion, Synod adjourned into executive session.

Report of Committee on Examination.

Your committee would respectfully report that C. N. Swihart and Charles F. Shultz, having made application for ordination, were duly examined. We hereby recommend them for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
R. W. PETREA,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
J. N. LENTZ.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Special Committee on Yutan Church was read and ordered placed on protocol.

At 2.30 P. M. Preparatory Services were held.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. S. M. Lesher.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your committee reports that conference held two conventions during the past Synodical year: one at Roca in November, 1901, and one at Davenport in May, 1902. These conventions were full of interest and profit to the members of conference and the churches in which conference met.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. HAMMOND.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Brethren: Your Committee on Traveling Secretary submit the following report:

The Treasurer of the committee offers the following statement for the year ending September 1st, 1902, which is approved by the Executive Committee:

Balance on hand September 1st, 1901	$338 58	
Received for rent during the year	215 00	
		$553 58
CONTRA.		
Paid for insurance on $3000.00 for three years	$24 00	
Paid for repairing roof, tin work	16 30	
Paid for labor, painting house	61 00	
Paid for paints, oil, etc.	39 35	
Paid for carpenter work, repairs	40 80	
Paid for shingles, nails, cement	5 80	
Paid for new sink and plumbing repairs	15 25	
Paid for repairing tiling, mantel, etc	2 40	
Paid for re-papering two parlors	27 85	
Paid expenses for mission work	50 00	
Paid for repairs in bath room and door bell	3 80	
Paid for replacing broken window	1 30	
		287 85
Balance on hand		$265 73

In submitting this report, will say that the house, having been built about fifteen years ago, was somewhat run down, and the committee found it necessary to put it in repairs and to keep up the property in order to rent it.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SWAIN,
Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATION.

Synod should continue the committee, and empower them to make such arrangements as, upon careful investigation and consideration, may lend to the active resumption of this work.

On behalf of the committee,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Traveling Secretary was ordered to pay to the support of the work at South Sioux City the sum of $75.00 for the present pastoral year.

It was moved that Synod finally adjourn at the close of the Sunday Evening Service.

Adjourned, with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. J. L. Hammond spoke on the subject of Education, taking for his text, Phil. iv. 8.

Offering, $2.43.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M.

Holy Communion—Sermon by Rev. L. Groh, D. D. Text, Ephesians v. 1.

Memorial Service—3 P. M. Speakers: J. L. Hammond, R. W. Petrea, L. Groh.

Ordination Service—8 P. M. Sermon by Rev. Luther P. Ludden. Text, Jonah iii. 2.

After the sermon, Rev. Clarence Newton Swihart and Rev. Charles F. Shultz, graduates of the Western Theological Seminary, were ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

The President declared Synod adjourned, to meet on the 23d of September, 1903.

A. B. LEAMER,
Secretary.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 08	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 05	$1 35
Auburn	58	1 74	4 64	6 96	11 60	16 24	11 60	11 60	4 06	4 06	2 90	2 90	78 30
Benedict, Zion	98	2 94	7 84	11 76	19 60	27 44	19 60	19 60	6 86	6 86	4 90	4 90	132 30
Benedict, Bethel	43	1 29	3 44	5 16	8 60	12 04	8 60	8 60	3 01	3 01	2 15	2 15	58 05
Davenport	107	3 21	8 56	12 84	21 40	29 96	21 40	21 40	7 49	7 49	5 35	5 35	144 45
Davenport, St. Paul	19	57	1 52	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	95	25 65
Dakota City, Emanuel	42	1 26	3 36	5 04	8 40	11 76	8 40	8 40	2 94	2 94	2 10	2 10	56 70
Dakota City, Salem	91	2 73	7 28	10 92	18 20	25 48	18 20	18 20	6 37	6 37	4 55	4 55	122 85
Dakota City, St. Paul's	22	66	1 76	2 64	4 40	6 16	4 40	4 40	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 10	29 70
Ericson	14	42	1 12	1 68	2 80	3 92	2 80	2 80	98	98	70	70	18 90
Grand Island	18	54	1 44	2 16	3 60	5 04	3 60	3 60	1 26	1 26	90	90	24 30
Hastings	100	3 00	8 00	12 00	20 00	28 00	20 00	20 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00	135 00
Hardy	95	2 85	7 60	11 40	19 00	26 60	19 00	19 00	6 65	6 65	4 75	4 75	128 25
Lincoln, Grace	138	4 14	11 04	16 56	27 60	38 64	27 60	27 60	9 66	9 66	6 90	6 90	186 30
North Platte	146	4 38	11 68	17 52	29 20	40 88	29 20	29 20	10 22	10 22	7 30	7 30	197 10
Nebraska City	90	2 70	7 20	10 80	18 00	25 20	18 00	18 00	6 30	6 30	4 50	4 50	121 50
Omaha, St. Mark's	80	2 40	6 40	9 60	16 00	22 40	16 00	16 00	5 60	5 60	4 00	4 00	108 00
Omaha, Grace	91	2 73	7 28	10 92	18 20	25 48	18 20	18 20	6 37	6 37	4 55	4 55	122 85
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	280	8 40	22 40	33 60	56 00	78 40	56 00	56 00	19 60	19 60	14 00	14 00	378 00
Ponca	85	2 55	6 80	10 20	17 00	23 80	17 00	17 00	5 95	5 95	4 25	4 25	114 75
Pawnee City	37	1 11	2 96	4 44	7 40	10 36	7 40	7 40	2 59	2 59	1 85	1 85	49 95
Roca	19	57	1 52	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	95	25 65

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 08	$0 12	$0 20	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 05	$1 35
Surprise	52	1 56	4 16	6 24	10 40	14 56	10 40	10 40	3 64	3 64	2 60	2 60	70 20
Rising City	52	1 56	4 16	6 24	10 40	14 56	10 40	10 40	3 64	3 64	2 60	2 60	70 20
Stella	96	2 88	7 68	11 52	19 20	26 88	19 20	19 20	6 72	6 72	4 80	4 80	129 60
Sidney	45	1 35	3 60	5 40	9 00	12 60	9 00	9 00	3 15	3 15	2 25	2 25	60 75
Tekamah, Emanuel	36	1 08	2 88	4 32	7 20	10 08	7 20	7 20	2 52	2 52	1 80	1 80	48 60
Tekamah, Grace	45	1 35	3 60	5 40	9 00	12 60	9 00	9 00	3 15	3 15	2 25	2 25	60 75
Wayne	86	2 58	6 88	10 32	17 20	24 08	17 20	17 20	6 02	6 02	4 30	4 30	116 10
West Point	185	5 55	14 80	22 20	37 00	57 80	37 00	37 00	12 95	12 95	9 25	9 25	249 75
Wilber	41	1 23	3 28	4 92	8 20	11 48	8 20	8 20	2 87	2 87	2 05	2 05	55 35
Waverly	62	1 86	4 96	7 44	12 40	17 16	12 40	12 40	4 34	4 34	3 10	3 10	83 70
Yutan	19	57	1 52	2 28	3 80	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	95	25 65
McCool Junction	72	2 16	5 76	8 64	14 40	20 16	14 40	14 40	5 04	5 04	3 60	3 60	97 20
Beatrice	127	3 81	10 16	15 24	25 40	35 56	25 40	25 40	8 89	8 89	6 35	6 35	171 45
Total	2591	$77 73	$207 28	$310 92	$518 20	$725 48	$518 20	$518 20	$181 37	$181 37	$129 55	$129 55	$3497 85

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,

W. H. HOGREFE.

Report adopted.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL.					Losses.			Accessions.								Finances.			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.	
Isaac M. Augustine, Grand Island, Neb.	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	..	18	7	25	$7000 00	...	...	1
	St. Paul's, Ericson	1	3	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	14	4	18	1000 00	$150 00	...	2
M. D. Berg, Benedict, Neb.	Zion's	1	1	3	..	14	5	13	13	1	4	...	1	1	98	...	...	3500 00	...	$523 95	3
	Bethel	1	1	2	..	...	3	...	...	1	1	3	...	..	40	...	...	1800 00	...	359 73	4
P. Bieger, Hastings, Neb.	St. Paul's Evan. Luth.	1	..	..	..	21	1	...	...	12	...	17	...	..	76	60	136	1500 00	400 00	620 00	5
Edwin Bollman, Wilber, Neb.	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	...	...	2	4	2	1	...	1	..	41	10	51	4200 00	350 00	475 44	6
Jacob A. Clutz, Atchison, Kan.	Pres. Midland College	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
J. F. Cressler, Rising City, Neb.	First Eng., Rising City	1	..	..	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	...	..	52	...	52	6000 00	...	325 43	8
	Zion, Surprise	1	..	..	..	...	...	5	...	...	7	6	...	..	52	...	52	2500 00	...	282 25	9
W. Dieffenbach, South Auburn, Neb.	St. Paul	1	..	1	..	3	...	...	6	3	3	3	...	..	61	...	61	3500 00	...	135 00	10
L. Groh, 1539 N. Nineteenth St., Omaha, Neb.	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	11	...	4	7	9	...	7	3	..	73	40	113	2300 00	...	1450 00	11
J. L. Hammond, Tekamah, Burt Co., Neb.	Emanuel	1	..	1	..	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	..	36	...	36	3000 00	...	603 00	12
	Grace	1	..	..	..	3	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	..	45	...	45	1000 00	...	411 67	13
William W. Hess, Eleventh and Lincoln Sts., Beatrice, Neb.	Trinity Ev. Lutheran	1	..	3	.	15	1	6	1	8	6	15	2	1	127	59	186	8000 00	...	1964 83	14
J. A. Koser, Nebraska City, Neb.	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	12	2	...	8	...	2	10	1	..	95	...	95	3000 00	...	1429 00	15
Luther M. Kuhns, 2569 Pierce St., Omaha, Neb.	Grace	1	..	1	..	30	2	1	10	12	3	6	...	..	91	50	141	25000 00	3000 00	2912 50	16
J. S. Leamer, Sidney, Neb.	Trinity	1	2	1	..	23	...	3	7	1	5	15	2	5	45	24	69	3500 00	125 00	606 00	17
A. B. Leamer, West Point, Neb.	Grace	1	..	1	1	22	1	1	...	18	5	17	1	..	194	102	296	8500 00	2000 00	3453 85	18
S. M. Lesher, Dakota City, Neb.	Emmanuel	1	..	1	..	5	...	...	5	2	2	2	...	..	47	29	76	1650 00	...	647 64	19
	Salem	1	..	1	..	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	91	30	121	4400 00	...	1102 28	20
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	..	22	10	32	1200 00	...	350 00	21
Luther P. Ludden, Lincoln, Neb.	Grace	1	..	2	1	20	2	3	...	20	...	15	4	..	138	...	138	10000 00	4000 00	1235 00	22
F. A. Matthis, Davenport, Neb.	Christ's, Davenport	1	1	1	..	18	1	3	6	6	1	1	...	..	99	67	166	8000 00	1500 00	665 00	23
	St. Paul's, Carlisle	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	135 00	24

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.—*Continued.*

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Y. P. SOCIETIES.	BENEVOLENCE.

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1	1	4	30	$7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	1	7	35	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	1	15	203	63 56	.....	20	$154 85	.....	$3 69	$7 38	$35 66	$28 40	$26 40	$14 76	$26 40	$7 80	$8 61	$4 42	$8 61	$6 15	$4 00	$182 28	$706 23
4	1	7	86	26 38	.....	41	12 50	.....	1 17	2 34	13 92	12 19	9 80	7 48	9 80	.....	2 73	3 00	2 73	1 95	2 50	69 61	429 34
5	1	4	40	16 65	$7 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 53	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 20	28 73	648 73
6	1	8	75	30 00	4 25	18	1 50	.....	1 00	1 50	11 09	7 92	1 00	.....	77	4 29	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	28 82	504 26
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....
8	1	10	75	43 18	43 11	15	.....	.....	1 38	2 76	12 88	9 20	9 20	5 52	12 17	.....	3 22	5 00	3 22	2 30	5 00	71 85	397 28
9	1	8	40	19 11	28 36	14	.....	.....	1 32	2 64	12 32	8 85	8 85	5 28	8 88	.....	3 08	.....	3 08	2 20	.....	56 50	338 73
10	1	10	87	24 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	9 46	2 00	7 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	23 80	158 80
11	1	19	160	150 00	45 00	45	30 00	$40 00	2 22	4 44	*65 00	24 00	20 00	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	†16 00	.....	.....	‡	195 00	1645 00
12	1	13	60	38 07	29 29	.....	.....	.....	1 14	2 28	10 64	7 60	7 60	4 56	7 30	23 85	.....	6 15	.....	.....	189 74	252 06	884 35
13	1	8	52	33 20	22 81	30	59 73	25 60	1 41	2 82	12 00	8 75	9 40	5 64	9 40	27 17	1 00	6 40	1 00	1 00	.....	112 31	523 99
14	1	18	102	76 22	29 44	59	29 66	6 00	3 33	6 66	31 08	22 20	32 20	3 91	22 20	17 28	3 37	10 09	7 77	5 55	24 00	189 64	2154 47
15	1	15	120	95 00	15 00	25	8 00	.....	2 76	5 52	25 76	18 40	23 40	11 04	18 40	.....	6 44	.....	6 44	4 60	.....	122 76	1551 76
16	1	13	169	90 00	.....	25	16 25	.....	1 72	2 85	15 60	9 07	11 34	11 70	7 85	.....	.....	.....	5 70	.....	21 75	97 58	3010 08
17	2	20	90	53 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	78	1 56	7 28	5 20	5 20	3 12	5 20	.....	1 82	2 50	1 82	1 30	.....	35 78	641 78
18	2	24	200	60 66	40 75	80	35 00	5 00	5 19	10 38	48 44	34 60	34 60	20 76	34 60	50	12 11	7 80	12 39	8 65	15 00	245 02	3698 87
19	1	14	70	38 92	21 07	35	132 44	30 00	1 44	3 25	16 29	10 10	12 60	5 76	9 60	36 15	3 36	.....	3 36	2 40	31 28	135 59	783 23
20	1	10	45	16 88	6 18	100	9 95	100 00	2 79	5 58	26 04	18 79	18 60	11 16	18 60	22 57	6 51	.....	6 51	4 65	102 06	243 86	1345 14
21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	1 14	5 32	3 80	3 80	2 28	3 80	.....	1 33	.....	1 33	95	.....	24 32	374 32
22	1	15	145	112 32	56 40	20	.....	.....	3 00	5 00	21 00	11 00	15 00	.....	5 00	11 90	3 00	.....	.....	.....	48 00	122 90	1357 90
23	1	13	150	35 00	12 50	29	3 50	2 50	.....	3 00	12 25	3 25	2 50	.....	13 40	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	37 15	702 15
24	1	10	75	25 00	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	6 25	141 25

* St. Mark's C. E. for city missions, Omaha, $45.00. † To orphans in Omaha. ‡ St. Mark's C. E. give $25.00 annually to a student in India.

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R. W. Petrea, Pawnee City, Neb.	Pawnee	1		1				3	1	2					37	20	57	$1000 00		$350 00	25
	Steinauer	1																800 00			26
C. J. Ringer, Wayne, Neb.	St. Paul's	1		1		10			3	9		8	7	5	86		86	4000 00	$500 00	520 00	27
M. F. Rinker, Yutan, Neb.	Zion	1		1			1		1				2		19	3	22	2500 00		639 54	28
J. F. Seibert, North Platte, Neb.	First Evan. Lutheran	1	2	1		14	1	11	11	24	6	16		15	146	100	246	10000 00	70 00	1575 78	29
C. F. Shultz, Stella, Neb.	Trinity Lutheran	1	1	1			1	3	10						96		96	4000 00		490 25	30
J. F. Sponseller, South Sioux City, Neb.	Grace		1	1														1000 00		320 00	31
Edward F. Trefz, 2632 Dewey Ave., Omaha, Neb.	Kountze Memorial	1		2		21	1	1	10	12	1	21	1		280		280	125000 00	6000 00	7950 00	32
R. A. White, Forty-fifth and Randolph St., Lincoln, Neb.	Trinity, Waverly	1		2		7		1	2	3	2	8	1	6	62	20	82	2000 00		434 31	33
	Zion, Roca	1				4		1		5					19	12	31	2000 00		115 10	34
H. A. Wolfe, McCool Junction, Neb.	First	1				20	2		10	5		15			72	62	134	3500 00		3657 00	35
Hardy, vacant	Union Evan. Lutheran	1													95		95	5000 00			36
Ponca, vacant	Salem	1		2											85		85	9000 00	$1050 00		37
S. Aughey, LL. D., Spokane, Wash.	No charge																				38
W. F. Eyster, D. D., Crete, Neb.	No charge																				39
W. C. Eckhart, Richfield, Neb.	No charge																				40
J. F. Kuhlman, Martinsburg, Neb.	No charge																				41
W. G. Gettle, Steinauer, Neb.	No charge																				42
Parochial Report for 1902		35	11	35	4	255	25	62	126	157	51	191	26	33	2481	642	3123	$274800 00	$19145 00	$34939 55	43
Parochial Report for 1901		33	8	34	4	174	21	41	122	124	58	122	51	33	2447			238200 00	8925 00	30453 96	44
Increase		2	3	1		81	4	21	4	33		69			34			$36600 00	$10220 00		45
Decrease											7		25								46

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..	9	44	$12 00	.....	20	.....	.....	$1 23	$2 46	$12 96	$10 37	$10 21	$8 00	$8 33	$24 30	$2 87	$7 54	$2 87	$2 05	$45 00	$138 19	$488 19
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1	9	70	20 00	$4 80	25	$12 70	.....	1 00	3 00	22 50	2 35	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....	.....	4 80	.....	.....	3 00	46 65	566 65
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1	9	62	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	50	2 00	1 50	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25	326 25
1	35	250	200 00	125 00	28	150 00	$12 50	13 00	15 60	33 85	33 85	33 85	33 85	33 85	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	895 00	1094 00	9044 00
1	9	60	22 14	22 75	20	.....	9 00	1 44	2 88	13 44	9 60	9 60	5 76	9 60	.....	3 36	.....	3 36	2 40	2 50	63 94	498 25
1	10	45	39 07	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	5 60	4 00	4 00	2 90	4 00	15 97	1 40	.....	1 40	1 00	1 00	43 07	158 17
1	12	80	57 00	8 81	.....	.....	.....	2 07	4 14	5 00	.....	.....	8 28	13 80	.....	.....	8 87	.....	.....	.....	42 16	3699 16
..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 07	3 75	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 32	16 32
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34	384	2863	1354 86	$437 74	653	$377 20	146 60	$74 60	$97 53	$496 84	$348 99	376 14	210 86	261 32	$155 45	101 63	$95 14	$73 68	$46 00	$850 55	$2724 95	33647 34
..	.....	.....	$130 56	$124 08	.....	$272 68	$80 90	.....	$35 09	$110 58	$18 50	$24 60	$14 62	$36 26	$114 02	.....	$3 93	$12 73	$11 20	$698 81	$1689 13	$5145 33
4	10	118	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	$10 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$21 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* $100.00 for Midland College.

J. E. BOLLMAN, *Statistical Secretary.*

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PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

YUTAN, NEB.

MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, 1902.

The Twenty-second Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met on Wednesday, October 15th, 1902, at 7.30 P. M., in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tekamah, Neb., Rev. J. L. Hammond, pastor.

One-half hour was spent in devotional meeting, conducted by Miss L. A. Bender, Yutan.

Rev. J. L. Hammond, Tekamah, conducted the opening service.

Miss Tillie Swanson gave a cordial welcome to the delegates on behalf of the church at Tekamah.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher, of Dakota City, in well-chosen words, responded to the address of welcome.

The President then gave her Annual Address.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Friends in Christ:

It is a pleasure to me this evening to meet you here and to greet you in the name of our Master. I would first direct your thoughts to our heavenly Father, who has kindly permitted us to again assemble in convention. Let

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During the year we completed our apportionment to Riverside and paid our apportionment to Jersey City Heights. I thank you for the noble manner in which you responded to my call for the India Back Budget. The offering of $83.55, made in less than three weeks' time, shows plainly what we can do when our hearts have been touched by the needs of others.

Thank-offering. Owing to the pressure upon the General Fund treasury it is earnestly desired that we make the coming thank-offering the very best. I am glad we have an excess over last year of $14.69. The General President asks that each member double her offering of last year. Will you not make a special effort to make the thank-offering meeting a grand success this year? I know that if each member has kept her little gray envelope or mite-box in a convenient place since last November, as was suggested in my letter of October 28th to the Auxiliaries, the offering will greatly exceed that of any previous year. The thank-offering will be our first work after the convention.

Our last special object was Immanuel, Chicago. A number met this call the last quarter. Those that did not should do so as soon as possible.

But let us remember that the object of our organization is not only to collect funds, but to disseminate missionary intelligence and to cultivate a missionary spirit in the members of our churches. To do this we must use our missionary literature. It should not be confined to the Missionary Society, but distributed throughout the congregation. If we wish to gain in numbers we must take more pains to educate, and if we wish our Literature Committee to give us more and better literature we must encourage them by our support. You all are familiar with the *Journal*, the *Mission Studies*, and Tracts. Use, use them. Only twenty copies of the *Children's Missionary* are reported taken this year. This bright and instructive little paper should receive better recognition from the Nebraska churches. Give the children of the Sunday schools an opportunity to read them.

I am unable to say how many of our societies used the United Course of Study this year, but those that did not have lost much that would be helpful to them. The study of "Via Christi" was certainly interesting and instructive, and many missionary meetings were filled with interest by its use. For the year 1903 the committee has chosen for a text-book, a book prepared by Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason, "Lux Christi: A Study of India—A Twilight Land." It will treat of the history, conditions of life, religions, and missions of India. Secure the book and read it with all the missionary women of the world. The pastors could aid the missionary cause and their women by getting their Aid Societies to take up this reading course.

Mission Bands. It is a sad fact that not one Children's Band has continued through the year. This because there was no leader to carry on the work. Is not our hope of the future largely in the children? Then how can we neglect them, as we do? I am glad that several Bands are soon to be organized, for I consider teaching the Gospel of the world's evangelization to the children one of the special missions of the Woman's Missionary Society. The

children love to learn about and are eager to work for missions. Dear sister, will you not take the responsibility of seeing that the children are early taught about missions in your home church? Let us not neglect the opportunity while we can reach them.

This biennium of the General Society closes March 31st, 1903. Five months in which to complete the work which was planned for the biennium. I plead your loyalty to the Executive Committee, and, when we elect our delegate to the General Convention, let us make some provision for her expenses.

And now, in closing, I wish to thank you for the many kind words and friendly letters of appreciation and good wishes. I ask that, as I pass my trust on to my successor, you will be as helpful to her as to me. Coming in close contact with the earnest workers of our Executive Committee has been a joy, and I feel strengthened in faith and love in the Master's service. It has not all been joy; there have been times when the indifference on the part of so many has been hard to bear. I pray that our women may appreciate and take advantage of their privilege. Let us that are here to-day pledge ourselves to faithfulness. And may all our missionary women of Nebraska be guided by the Holy Spirit and God's Word in all they undertake in Christ's name. When duty staggers, ask not, "Will it be easy?" but "Does Christ want me to do this?" and it will become easy. Shun procrastination, and learn the joy and satisfaction there is in our humble efforts to obey Christ's last command.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Delegates presented credentials, and the following roll was formed:

Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary—Miss L. A. Bender.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Chairman North Platte Conference Committee—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Delegates.

Dakota City—Mrs. W. P. Warner, Mrs. S. M. Lesher.

Ponca—Mrs. J. D. Kautz.

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Grace Church, Burt County—Miss Hope C. Larson, Jennie Toxword.

Yutan—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Beatrice—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Visitors.

Rev. H. F. H. Hartelius, Swaburg, Neb.; Rev. M. F. Rinker, Yutan; Mr. G. A. Crannel, Tekamah; Miss Ida Peterson, Oakland; Mrs. Martha Peterson, Oakland; Mr. C. Christenson, Lyons; Miss Mary Peterson, Oakland; Miss Millie Christenson, Lyons; Miss Julia Christenson, Lyons; Miss Lizzie Toxword, Oakland; Mr. Louis M. Larson, Oakland; Mr. Thomas G. Larson, Oakland.

The offering amounted to $1.06.

Closing service and benediction by pastor.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service, "Daily Prayer," was conducted by Mrs. S. S. Riegle, of Omaha.

Business session opened with prayer by the President.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. J. D. Kautz, Miss Hope C. Larson.

Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports—Miss Tillie Swanson, Mrs. S. M. Lesher.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. Estella Wood, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Last Year's Minutes—Miss Jennie Toxword, Miss L. A. Bender.

Treasurer's Report—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Mrs. W. P. Warner.

Resolutions—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Mrs. S. M. Lesher.

Nominations—Mrs. Mostert, Miss Ida Peterson.

Box-packing—Mrs. Kautz, Mrs. Wood, Miss Hope C. Larson.

Reporter to City Paper—Mrs. M. D. Willert.

Reporter to Church Papers—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

The President, having previously given her report, offered the following recommendations:

1. That we discuss the plan of putting an organizer in the field.
2. That the sustaining membership be revived.

3. That we try to double our thank-offering.

4. That each Auxiliary follow the United Course of Study.

5. That we make the training of our children and youth, either in the formation of Bands or Cradle Rolls, a special feature of our work for the coming year.

6. That we be more thorough in canvassing for new members.

7. That provision be made to defray, at least a part of, the expense of our delegate to the General Convention.

8. That Recommendation No. 2 in the Minutes of the General Convention be followed.

Report was referred to committee.

Corresponding Secretary's Report was read, accepted, and referred to committee. (See page 44.)

Treasurer's Report was read, accepted, and referred to committee. (See pages 45 and 46.)

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the past year, the first at West Point, September 20th, 1901.

Those present were: Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Miss Lydia A. Bender, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, and Mrs. Laura T. Jay.

It was decided that the money, $3.85, received by collection during convention be given to Synodical Fund.

Bills were presented and allowed.

The second meeting of Executive Committee was held at Lincoln, August 8th, 1902, in Grace Lutheran Church. Miss Haase, Mrs. Ludden, Mrs. Riegle, Mrs. Mostert, and Miss Bender were present.

Mrs. H. J. Penfold not having accepted the office of Recording Secretary to which she was elected at convention, Lydia A. Bender was elected to fill her place.

Motion passed that a new Record Book be purchased.

The officers gave reports.

The Treasurer reported $4.21 in Synodical Fund.

Miss Anna Lesher, Chairman of South Platte Conference Committee having resigned, the President reported having appointed Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Stella, Neb., to fill vacancy.

Plans and programme were arranged for this Twenty-second Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted, MISS LYDIA A. BENDER.

Report was accepted.

Tabulated Statement of Corresponding Secretary for the Year Ending August 31st, 1902.

Name of Society.	Name of Corresponding Secretary.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Life Members.	Journals Taken.	Meetings Held.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer.
Beatrice	Mrs. C. Lauck	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	15	1	1	19	12	$22 50
Benedict	Mrs. M. D. Berg	*1901	1, 2, 3	15	.....	.....	11	10	7 85
Dakota City	Miss Elizabeth S. Haase	1891	1, 2, 3, 4	16	2	.....	10	12	38 60
Lincoln	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	8	2	.....	7	8	14 65
Omaha	Mrs. S. S. Riegle	*1886	1, 2	.....	.....	.....	14	2	40 76
Ponca	Mrs. J. A. Drager	*1880	1, 2, 3, 4	20	.....	.....	10	12	43 60
Pawnee City	Miss Kittie Benz	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	12	7	.....	.....	12	24 30
Roca	Mrs. Matilda Emrich	1894	1, 2, 3, 4	4	2	.....	7	9	15 03
Stella	Miss Maud Montgomery	.....	1, 2, 3, 4	8	.....	.....	7	10	22 50
Salem Ch., Dakota Co.	Mrs. William Armour	1901	3, 4	14	.....	.....	20	9	10 40
Tekamah	Mrs. Estella Wood	1881	1, 2, 3, 4	9	.....	.....	8	12	24 60
Grace Church, Burt Co.	Miss Millie Christenson	*1901	4	13	1	1	6	12	2 50
Yutan	Mrs. F. F. Montfort	1883	1, 2, 3, 4	8	4	.....	6	11	29 90
Rising City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 30
Tekamah Mis. Band	Miss Addie Wood	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Totals	.....	.....	.....	163	19	2	55	107	$301 69

* Reorganized.

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Jersey City Heights.	Riverside.	Immanuel, Chicago.	Girls' School in India.	Girls' School in Africa.	Muhlenberg.	India Budget.	India Hospital.	Thank-Offering.	Totals.
Beatrice	$8 30	$1 00	$2 00	.....	$1 70	.....	.....	.....	$2 10	.....	$7 40	$22 50
Beatrice Mission Band	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	3 00
Benedict	5 40	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$1 25	.....	7 85
Dakota City	17 20	3 35	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 05	.....	10 00	38 60
Dakota City, Salem Church	14 65	1 50	50	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	6 10	.....	.....	23 35
Grace Church	5 00	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 07	11 97
Lincoln	11 25	1 10	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 05	14 65
Omaha	10 00	26	.....	.....	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 50	40 76
Pawnee	11 10	1 00	5 50	$3 00	1 20	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 30
Ponca	33 07	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	6 23	43 60
Rising City	4 80	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20
Roca	8 00	1 00	1 00	40	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 03	15 03
Stella	5 15	1 00	2 20	2 00	1 00	.....	$2 05	$1 75	.....	.....	7 35	22 50
Tekamah	7 75	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	8 85	24 60
Tekamah Mission Band	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Yutan	11 70	1 00	.....	.....	95	.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	8 75	29 90
"A Friend"	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Totals	$154 07	$12 61	$17 05	$5 40	$8 05	$17 50	$2 05	$1 75	$33 55	$1 25	$75 23	$328 51

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from last report	$24 35	
Collections at convention	3 38	
Receipts from Societies	328 51	
		$356 24

EXPENDITURES.

Miss Haase, expenses	$12 80	
Laura T. Jay, expenses	9 00	
Lydia A. Bender, expenses	3 35	
Mrs. S. S. Riegle, expenses	2 58	
Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer, first quarter	100 01	
" " " " second quarter	76 05	
" " " " third quarter	81 72	
" " " " fourth quarter	58 12	
		343 63
Balance on hand		$12 61

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE,
Treasurer.

Report of Historian for Year Ending 1902.

The following has been added in addition to what was reported at the last annual convention:

Complete sets of *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies*, and *Children's Missionary;* yearly Tracts; typewritten Minutes of three conventions of 1898, 1899, and 1900; a Report of Foreign Mission Board; a Report of General Biennial Convention, also Minutes; Report of Guntur Mission, India.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Report was accepted.

The Box-work Committee being absent, Mrs. J. D. Kautz was appointed to receive the articles for the box at the afternoon session.

A letter from the Secretary of Synod in regard to printing our Minutes was read and placed in the hands of the Committee on Letters and Papers.

Greetings from Mrs. A. V. Hamma and Mrs. A. V. Hunter were read.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle offered prayer for officers of General Society.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher was instructed by convention to write a letter to Mrs. Hamma, thanking her for interest, and praying that health may be restored to her.

After prayer by Rev. Hammond, convention adjourned for committee work.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Gospel Service in Manual No. 17.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Report of Literature Committee read by Secretary.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature would report that, during the year closing with this convention, we have sent monthly literature to the following societies: Dakota City, Ponca, Yutan, Beatrice, Tekamah, Lincoln, Stella, Roca, Omaha, Oakland, and Dakota Salem Church.

Last year the convention voted to spend five dollars in supplying charges without societies with copies of Tracts. I have not used this fund, but have sent to the different charges copies of extra Tracts sent out from time to time by the General Society.

The financial exhibit of the committee is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From Tracts sold at the Convention	$1 25	
From Oakland	75	
From Omaha	50	
From Dakota City	50	
From Grace, Lincoln	50	
From Stella	50	
From Roca, 1902 and 1903	1 00	
From Beatrice	50	
		$5 50

EXPENSES.

For Postage Stamps	$2 16	
For Literature	2 18	
For Envelopes	25	
For Letter-file	30	
For *Mission Studies* (Oakland)	25	
		5 14
Balance on hand		$0 36

We owe the General Literature Committee about one dollar for Tracts sent us. There are four subscriptions that yet remain unpaid. With these paid in, the committee would be able to pay all indebtedness, and still have a small balance with which to begin the new convention year.

Thanking you for all the kindness shown me during the year, I submit this report.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

Report of North Platte Conference Committee.

Your committee would offer the following report:

We have written to pastors where no societies exist and have received encouraging replies, but no new societies have been organized.

In May we made an effort to arrange a conference meeting in joint session with the Ministerial Conference Meeting at Dakota City. As we were not able to hear from a sufficient number who would attend, to prepare a programme, we left with our Synodical President the matter of presenting the work of our organization, which was ably done.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. D. WILLERT,
MISS TILLIE SWANSON.

Report was accepted.

The delegates present gave very interesting and encouraging reports of their Auxiliaries.

Greeting and reports were read from Stella, Roca, Pawnee City, and Lincoln, Roca reporting a newly organized Children's Band.

A beautiful anthem was sung by the choir from the Grace Church.

"Essentials to Success" was very ably presented by Mrs. M. A. Mostert on "Leaders;" Miss Hope C. Larson on "Gifts;" and Mrs. J. D. Kautz on "Prayer."

Anthem by Grace Choir.

Mrs. J. D. Kautz then took charge of meeting.

Explanations were made; a letter was read from the Home Missionary, Rev. Paul Raschke, Hanover, Wis., to whom the box will be sent.

The roll of Auxiliaries was called, and delegates brought forward gifts for the box, repeating an appropriate Scripture verse.

Committee to pack box was appointed.

Doxology. Benediction by Rev. M. F. Rinker.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

Anthem by Grace Church choir.

Vesper Service, led by the pastor.

Romans xii. was read by Mrs. Hope C. Larson, Oakland.

Prayer by Miss L. A. Bender, Yutan.

A song by the Ladies' Quartette of Grace Church was very much enjoyed.

Rev. M. F. Rinker addressed the audience, and presented "Our Work, Our Needs, and Our Possibilities" in a very pleasing and acceptable maner.

Hymn No. 393.

Offering, $2.75.

Hymn No. 428.

Benediction by the pastor.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service, "Individual Work for Christ," led by Mrs. Miller Christenson, Lyons.

Convention opened with roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Reports of Committees were then called for.

Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports.

First.—Literature Committee's Report approved, and we recommend the continuation of $5.00 be appropriated to the Literature Committee for the free distribution of literature.

Second.—Historian's work approved, and we appreciate the additions she has made to the historical collection.

Third.—Executive Committee's Report examined, and we find no question for comment.

Fourth.—The Reports of North and South Platte Committees approved, and the committees deserve special commendation for their faithful work.

Respectfully submitted, MISS TILLIE SWANSON,
MRS. S. M. LESHER.

Report was accepted and adopted.

Report of Box Committee.

We the committee to pack the box submit the following:

Beatrice	$5 00
Benedict	2 50
Dakota City	6 94

Lincoln	$4 00
Omaha	5 00
Ponca	5 45
Roca	1 85
Pawnee City	7 25
Tekamah	7 55
Grace, Burt County	5 00
Yutan	8 00
Rising City	2 25
Salem, Dakota County	5 00
Total value of cash and articles received	$65 79

Out of this the freight was paid and the box sent on its way. Many thanks are due the societies who responded so nobly to this call.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. KAUTZ,
MRS. ESTELLA WOOD,
MISS HOPE C. LARSON.

Report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was adopted item by item.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers report the following:

The greetings of Miss Tillie Swanson made us feel that we were heartily welcome to the people of Tekamah, while the response by Mrs. Lesher was heartily appreciated by us all.

As the Synod has kindly offered to print our minutes with the minutes of Synod, we recommend that we accept their offer, also comply with the request that we omit all unnecessary papers.

The papers, "Essentials to Success:"

1. "Leaders." We find great encouragement in this paper to leaders as well as any to become leaders in missionary work, as great is their honor to do the Master's work.

2d. "Gifts." The writer tells us God's gift of His only Son to a sin-stricken world should call forth a response from us by giving ourselves to His service, or at least part of our substance.

3. "Prayer." We learn that prayer is certainly essential to success, for what could we do without prayer?

Miss Rice's paper on "Children's Work" tells us of our responsibilities to future generations, and we hope all our ladies will be benefited by it.

We received with joy the kinds words of greetings from our General President, Mrs. J. P. Krechting.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTELLA WOOD,
MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your committee, on looking over minutes of last year, find:

1. That a motion was made to print By-Laws of our Synodical Society on slips for distribution. Has this been done?

2. In Historian's Report each one has been asked to make some addition to the collection in clippings, photographs, or book form. Especially the officers are urged to send in their own photographs. Have we complied with this request?

3. Have names of all life and honorary members been sent to the Historian? Also names of deceased members?

With these items we find the minutes correct.

Respectfully submitted, Miss LYDIA A. BENDER.

Report received.

First President reported By-Laws printed free of charge and in the hands of Secretary at convention.

Second and Third Historian reported articles and names not received, but asked that this matter be attended to.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The Auditing Committee report the Treasurer's Report correct.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. W. P. WARNER,
Mrs. M. D. WILLERT.

Report was accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your committee would submit the following:

President—Miss E. S. Haase, Mrs. J. D. Kautz.
Vice-President—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Mrs. M. D. Willert.
Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson, Miss Tillie Swanson.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss L. A. Bender, Mrs. S. Heikes.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Mrs. W. P. Warner.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. M. A. MOSTERT,
Miss IDA PETERSON.

Report was accepted.

A motion was passed that, Grace Society delegates being absent, two visitors from that society be allowed the right to ballot.

Moved that rules be suspended and Secretary cast a ballot for Miss Haase for President. Motion was carried.

Convention then proceeded to ballot for the other officers.

The balloting resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Dakota City.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. D. Willert, Tekamah.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson, Oakland.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender, Yutan.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Omaha.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher was elected delegate and Mrs. S. S. Riegle alternate to the General Convention.

Invitations for next convention were received from Benedict and Yutan.

Yutan was selected by ballot.

The following bills were read by the Secretary:

New Record Book for Secretary	$5 00
Stationery for officers	5 25
Railroad fare and postage for Executive Committee	14 25
	$24 50

Greetings from Mrs. J. P. Krechting were read.

Report of Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Your Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's report would submit the following:

We find the Corresponding Secretary's Report correct.

We find the President's Address full and complete, and would advise that her recommendations be taken up item by item, discussed, and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. KAUTZ,
MISS HOPE C. LARSON.

Report was accepted.

The following recommendations were then discussed and acted upon:

1. *Moved*, That we put an organizer in the field, and create a fund to defray expenses. Carried.
2. That the sustaining membership be revived. Carried.
3. That we try to increase our thank-offering. Carried.

4. That each Auxiliary adopt the United Course of Study. Lost.

5. That we do what we can for the children and youth, either in the formation of Bands or Cradle Roll. Carried.

6. That we be more thorough in canvassing for members. Carried.

7. That provision be made to defray (at least a part) of the expense of our delegate to General Convention. Moved that we adopt this item, and leave the amount in hands of Executive Committee. Carried.

8. That the recommendation No. 2 in the Minutes of General Convention be followed. Carried.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Motion passed to adjourn, to meet at 1.30 P. M.

FRIDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Gospel Service, No. 10, in Manual.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

The President presented greetings from Rev. H. F. H. Hartelius, Swaburg, Neb., President of the Omaha Swedish Mission Conference.

The President reported having sent a communication to Synod.

Hymn No. 498.

Paper entitled "Children's Work," Laura Wade Rice, was read by Miss Hope C. Larson.

Discussion followed.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions would report as follows:

WHEREAS, We have been abundantly blessed during the past year, and are again permitted to assemble in convention; therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates profited by the inspiration of this convention return to their home society with renewed zeal.

Resolved, That we return thanks to Rev. M. F. Rinker for his helpful address.

Resolved, That thanks are due to the Grace Church Choir for their excellent music.

Resolved, That the appreciation of this convention is due the good people of the congregation for the cordial entertainment we have enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE,
MRS. S. M. LESHER.

A motion was carried that these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote.

The President appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice.

Literature—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln.

Box-work—Mrs. Estella Wood, Tekamah.

Minutes read and approved.

A farewell service was conducted by the President. After silent prayer remarks were made by each one present.

"Blest be the tie" was sung.

The service closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer, and benediction by Rev. Hammond.

The President then declared this Twenty-second Annual Convention closed.

LYDIA A. BENDER,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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